



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HAYASHI, Hiroshi et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1754**

Serial Number: **10/051,047**

Examiner: **Steven J. Bos**

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For: **PYROCHEMICAL REPROCESSING METHOD FOR SPENT NUCLEAR  
FUEL AND INDUCTION HEATING SYSTEM TO BE USED IN  
PYROCHEMICAL REPROCESSING METHOD**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **September 16, 2003**.

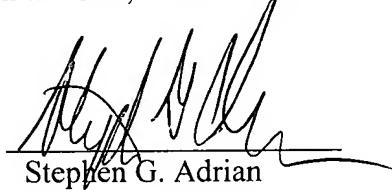
In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-3; and Group (II), Claims 4-7.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (II), Claims 4-7 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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